

# The Brazos Boot

*A new tradition for an old football rivalry: Bryan Vikings vs. A&M Consolidated Tigers*



**Bryan Vikings Football Coach Marty Criswell and A&M Consolidated Tigers Football Coach Jim Slaughter admire the new Brazos Boot in 2003.**

## History of The Brazos Boot

A much-anticipated event for residents of Bryan and College Station is the annual football rivalry between the Bryan High School Vikings and the A&M Consolidated High School Tigers.

Following the 2002 game, Bryan Mayor Jay Don Watson asked that an award be created for the gridiron rivalry and a playful mayoral wager. The City of Bryan Public Information Office organized players and coaches from both teams and solicited their suggestions for what to call the award and the game itself.

On Nov. 6, 2003, the Brazos Boot was unveiled to the mayors, media, coaches and players. The game - known for years as The Crosstown Showdown - became the B-CS Bowl. The players quickly embraced the concept and, on the field before kickoff, were seen jumping up and down in their respective huddles shouting, "Boot! Boot! Boot!"

One Brazos Boot - a gold-colored cowboy boot atop a wooden block adorned with brass plaques - stays with the winning team, while a second trophy is proudly displayed at the appropriate city hall.